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The sale of the steamship Oregon is a loss to the Columbia river. This ship, so far from being old and useless, is really yet in her prime, and one of the best adapted ships to Pacific coast trade in existence, having been especially constructed for this service. It is hard to understand why the Oregonian so persistently pursues the peculiar policy of withholding from its readers that frank admission of the alarming decline of Columbia river commerce which might incite them to some effort towards the recoupment of past losses and the retention of the little general trade yet lingering. To show the absurdity of the Oregonian's attempt to quiet public uneasiness over the Oregon's departure, by saying that ship has survived her usefulness, it needs only to be remembered that the transport Pennsylvania, which left Portland the other day with a regiment for the Philippines, is a much older and more antiquated vessel than the Oregon, yet she has been praised by that paper as one of the best transports in the government's Pacific ocean service. There is reason to believe if Portland business men were apprised of the extent to which Oregon is being shut out of the general commerce that properly belongs to the Columbia river a movement would be at once started to remove the obstacles which have brought about that unnatural condition. The Oregonian must know that the very trade in which the Oregon is to engage from Seattle could be carried on much more profitably from the mouth of the Columbia river over common point rates with the O. R. & N. Company. How many readers of the Oregonian are aware that Cape Nome is much nearer the seaport of Astoria than either Seattle and Tacoma, and that freight and passengers could be more quickly and cheaply carried there from Astoria than from any Puget sound port. The same fact is also true of many other points in Alaska as well as Hawaii and all Oriental points. All that is needed to give Oregon and the Columbia river the bulk of all this great coastwise and foreign commerce is the extension of the same railway rate to Astoria now made to Seattle and Tacoma. It is certainly the Oregonian's duty to advocate a measure so immensely to the benefit of Portland, Astoria and the whole of Oregon. Yet that paper not only refuses to support such a proposition, but openly opposes it in every way in its power. Why does the Oregonian not only continue a policy seemingly, at least, so much at variance with the best interests of its state and community, but in addition positively refuse to make any explanation which might tend to justify it with hundreds of mystified and anxious readers in Astoria and elsewhere in the state whose attention has been drawn to the facts in the case?

REPUBLICAN PROSPERITY.

A piece of work which ought to have been done by some person or persons has been done well by the American Protective Tariff League. That body has compiled a table showing the changes which have been brought about in the condition of the wage-earners of the country in the past few years. By a canvass which it has made among 1957 business establishments of various sorts it has found that the number of workers employed by them in March, 1895, was 191,732, which has been increased to 267,486 by March, 1899. This was a gain of 39.54 per cent in the four years. The wages paid by these establishments in March, 1895, was \$6,398,944.53, which has grown to \$9,859,280.35 in March of this year. The increase in this case was 54.09 per cent. There was a gain in wages in March, 1899, as compared with that month in 1895, of 10.42 per cent per person. The significance of this great increase in the wages of workers will appeal to every intelligent person. At the time for which the first set of figures are

compiled, March, 1885, the Wilson-Gorman tariff was in operation. The second set of figures are for a time nearly two years after the Dingley tariff went into effect. A great war had been waged in the interval, and, in one of its manifestations, that conflict may be said to be still in operation, yet there has been a sweeping gain all along the line in the number of persons employed and in the wages paid to each. Such an increase as this has hardly ever taken place before in the United States in the same length of time. Every person who wants to work has it or can get it, and almost everybody who has it is getting more wages than he received four years ago. One of the great causes of this immense improvement in the condition of the country is the change of tariff, a republican act which is intelligently protective to all branches of industry that need any protection having displaced a democratic law which exposed the American producer to the ruthless competition of foreign low-priced labor.

RETURNS CONTINUED.

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meagre reports from the state received up to 11 o'clock tonight indicate that the republicans of Maryland have been overwhelmingly defeated and that John Walter Smith, the democratic candidate has been elected governor by a majority of 10,000 to 15,000. There is also a reasonable certainty that the democrats will control both branches of the legislature. The republicans are inclined to attribute the result to treachery among the followers of Mayor Malster and United States Senator Wellington.

MASSACHUSETTS.

BOSTON, Nov. 7.—Forty precincts in the city of Boston give Crane, republican, 5,683; Payne, democrat, 4,837. BOSTON, Nov. 7.—One hundred and ten towns in Massachusetts give Crane, republican, 28,926; Payne, democrat, 12,549. The same towns last year gave Bruce 14,260; Wolcott, 32,666. BOSTON, Nov. 7.—Returns from 150 cities and towns out of 262 give Crane, republican, 37,721; Payne, democrat, 18,286. This shows a republican loss of 11 per cent and a democratic loss of 5 per cent. On this basis the republicans have carried Massachusetts by about 67,000 plurality. BOSTON, Nov. 7.—In the Franklin-Hampshire district, Senator Herbert C. Parsons, anti-imperialist, who ran on an independent ticket, was defeated by the regular republican nominee. BOSTON, Nov. 7.—The republicans have carried Massachusetts today by 65,000 votes, electing W. Murray Crane, governor. The entire republican state ticket was elected by practically the same plurality as the head of the ticket and the legislature is republican by the usual large majority.

SAN FRANCISCO.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 7.—Ninety-five precincts incomplete give the following on mayor: Phelan, democrat, 1,296; Davis, republican, 845. If the present ratio is maintained Phelan's plurality will be about 1,500. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 7.—The republican city committee at 9 p. m. concludes the election of James D. Phelan, democrat, mayor by 2,000 majority.

VIRGINIA.

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 7.—Both branches of the legislature are overwhelmingly democratic.

IN COLORADO.

DENVER, Nov. 7.—Today's election resulted in a complete victory for the democratic ticket in this (Arapahoe) county by a plurality from 3,000 to 5,000.

MICHIGAN.

DETROIT, Nov. 7.—The official count shows Mayor Mayburg, democrat, re-elected to a third term by 2,957 majority.

UTAH.

SALT LAKE, Nov. 7.—Returns up to midnight indicate that Thompson, republican, for mayor, has been elected by 500 or 600 majority.

NEW YORK, Nov. 7.—The New York assembly stands 91 republicans, 59 democrats. Republican gain, 14. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 7.—Today's municipal election resulted in the re-election of J. D. Phelan, democrat, for mayor by a plurality of at least 5,000 over Horace Davis, republican.

JUST A LITTLE ONE.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 7.—Estimates from all the counties in the state indicate that Barnett, republican candidate for state treasurer will have a plurality over Creamy, democrat, of 125,483.

EVEN KANSAS.

TOPEKA, Kans., Nov. 7.—The republicans were generally successful in the county elections today.

IN IOWA.

DES MOINES, Ia., Nov. 7.—Returns to 1:30 a. m. indicate that Shaw, republican, for governor, will have a plurality of 60,000.

A SHAMELESS TRAITOR.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 7.—A special from Cumberland to the Baltimore Sun quotes Senator Wellington as saying that this was one of the happiest days of his life.

SO SAY ALL OF US.

CLEVELAND, Nov. 7.—Senator Hanna at midnight said: "Under the conditions it has been a splendid republican victory."

HIS BOARD WORKING.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Nov. 8.—A bulletin issued at 1 a. m. by the Gobel democratic campaign committee says: "We have not enough information concerning the state to go into details, but we are confident we have won, though the majority is small."

MISSISSIPPI.

JACKSON, Miss., Nov. 7.—The entire democratic state ticket is elected by a majority conservatively estimated at 33,000.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

ABERDEEN, S. D., Nov. 7.—Chairman Herrer of the republican state committee says: "We will carry the state by at least 5,000 majority."

NEW JERSEY.

NEW YORK, Nov. 7.—In New Jersey the republicans carried the state and retained control of the senate and house assembly.

TRENTON, N. J., Nov. 7.—Returns at midnight indicate that the republicans have carried the state by about 20,000 plurality. The republicans will control both houses of the legislature.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Nov. 7.—Argus Leader, republican, estimates the republican majority of the city of Sioux Falls at 200. Last year for governor the city went republican by 5.

TROUBLE IN KENTUCKY.

Governor Bradley Orders the Troops to go to the Polls

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 7.—At 6 o'clock this evening Colonel Menget received orders from Governor Bradley to send to the polls at once the Louisville Legion which had been under arms at its armory all day. Up to this time the election had been one of the quietest ever known here.

When the polls closed at 4 o'clock an inspector representing the interests of the Brown ticket appeared and demanded admittance to watch the count. This was done under an injunction issued by Judge Toney, of the circuit court, shortly before noon, restraining the city authorities and officers of election from interfering with the Brown inspectors.

The republicans secured a similar order for their inspectors on representations that they were threatened with interference. In a number of places the inspectors were refused recognition and Governor Bradley's order for troops to go to the polls was made upon a statement by Judge Toney reciting this state of affairs.

CLOSING IN ON AGUINALDO

PLANS WORKING SMOOTHLY

Weather Good and Everything Auspicious for the Complete Capture of the Insurgents.

MANILA, Nov. 7.—General Wheaton's orders were to land at or near San Sabian, a fishing village 20 miles northeast of Dagupan. The insurgent force there only numbers about 200 men, entrenched, whereas at Dagupan there are some thousands of insurgents and five miles of trenches.

Mounts river is blockaded. General Wheaton is supposed to have landed today though communication with him is not expected until tomorrow. The weather has been good since the start and he should have been able to take the trenches without a great loss of life.

From San Sabian, General Wheaton can control the roads of escape from Tarlac to the northeast making junction with General Lawton. General MacArthur will begin his advance towards Tarlac tonight. General Law-

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Boer reverses.

abandonment of Colorado and a retirement to Estcourt.

General White had ascertained that the Boers were attacking Colorado but he was not aware of the British retirement. He had determined therefore, to attack the Boers in the rear. General White's division caught the Boers in the rear and after the hills had been shelled, the British infantry stormed the position.

In the meanwhile the British cavalry swept round the hills and as the retreating enemy ascended into the plains with British bayonets behind and the river in front of them, they were charged by the cavalry and seem to have perished almost to a man.

While the British troops were thus engaged in a successful endeavor to wipe out the Nicholsons Nek disaster, the situation inside Ladysmith, as shown by official dispatch from the general at Estcourt, was most satisfactory, encouraging a hope that Sir George White may yet completely relieve his shaken reputation and that his force may emerge triumphant from the ordeal through which it is now passing.

THE FRIDAY FIGHT.

According to Buller it Was a Slight Affair.

LONDON, Nov. 7.—Following is the text of a dispatch from General Buller from Cape Town, dated Nov. 7, 12:55.

The following dispatch has been received from the general commanding at Estcourt, dated November 6:

"Since Friday there has been a cessation of hostilities. A few shots were exchanged yesterday at the outposts. Friday's bombardment was heavy.

There was a smart action Friday

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towards Dewdrop. The troops drove the Boers back a considerable distance and disabled a gun.

"There was also fighting near Bulwanna. Our loss, altogether is eight killed and about 20 wounded."

A NATIVE REPORT

Charges Treachery Against the Boer Troops.

DURBAN, Natal, Nov. 5.—5:55 p. m.—A native eye witness of Thursday's battle near Ladysmith, says the Boers were caught on the open ground and raised several white flags. The British then advanced without firing to accept the surrender of the Boers but were received with a volley at close range.

Enraged at this treachery the lanciers, hussars and dragoons followed by the infantry with fixed bayonets, charged through and through the enemy and did great execution. A lot of prisoners and loot were captured.

CUT BY CAVALRY.

Wholesale Execution of Boer Soldiers Near Ladysmith.

ESTCOURT, Nov. 5.—A reliable native has brought confirmatory evidence of Friday's fight south of Ladysmith and said the reconnaissance in force was made by a British division the object being to relieve the Colenso column which had been attacked by the Boers.

The British infantry charged the Boers who were strongly posted on Globe Kloof hill and drove them down on a plain toward the Talaia river when the British cavalry executing a fine flanking movement, charged the Boers almost annihilating them. The plain was strewn with dead Boers.

A CRIMINAL SENATOR.

HELENA, Mont., Nov. 7.—United States Senator Thos. H. Carter was arrested today and fined one dollar for spitting on the sidewalk. Complaint was made by a man arrested and fined yesterday for the same offense. The fine was paid.

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